

Links, chains and witness trees - using historical research to guide watershed restoration

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Watershed restoration efforts are most successful if built on a foundation of historical knowledge. Research on the historical conditions can provide critical technical information, build community support, and provide a long range perspective and vision for restoration. In this presentation, Mr. Bahls uses a number of case studies to illustrate the power of historical research methods, including oral histories, historical maps and photographs, and aerial photo series, to guiding habitat restoration.